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In re Patent Application of:  
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Examiner: Jack S. Chen

Application No.: 09/752,685

Art Unit: 2813

Filed: January 3, 2001

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A CONTACT  
OPENING IN A SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

An **Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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